GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government are aware that the budget allocation to each Ministry/Department is spent in the first quarter of the financial year resulting in the supplementary demands for grants;

(b)if so, the supplementary demands of grants put forward by each Ministry/Department during the current financial year so far;

(c) whether the Government have been issuing time to time the guidelines for austerity measures;

(d)if so, whether most of the departments/ministries/autonomous bodies are violating these norms and are not following these guidelines; and

(e)if so, the steps being taken by the Government for strict compliance of norms/guidelines for austerity measures?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Bala Saheb Vikhe Patil)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The budget allocation to each Ministry/Departmentis not spent entirely in the first quarter of the financial year. Supplementary demands are granted only in cases of recoupment of advance obtained from the Contingency Fund of India, expenditure against Court Decrees, additional expenditure attracting the limitations of new service/ new instrument of service to be met by re-appropriation of savings and certain unavoidable and inescapable additional expenditure over the budget estimates agreed under special circumstances. the first and second batches of Supplementary Demands for Grants were presented to Parliament in August and December, 2000 respectively. Two statements showing Ministry/Department wise Supplementary Demands for grants are enclosed.

(c), (d) & (e) Instructions for austerity in Government expenditure areissued from time to time. All the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are required to follow these instructions on austerity measures scrupulously.